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Civil War Re-Enactment This Weekend In Prospect Park

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(July 6, 2005- TROY)- For the first time ever, the 9th Annual Civil War Re-enactment will take place on public property this weekend as organizers and City officials have teamed up to move the historical event to Prospect Park.

The Northeast Military District Alliance and 77th New York State Volunteer Infantry will host the living history encampment for two days this weekend inside of Prospect Park. The 77th has an educational charter from the State of New York and has invited everyone to take part in the festivities, which aim to teach people about the conflicts that pitted American versus American.

“This is an event that will be both fun and educational for the residents of Troy,” Mayor Harry J Tutunjian said Thursday. “We look forward to an entire weekend of fun in Prospect Park. The reenactment is the perfect opportunity for us to expand the uses of Prospect Park and bring in more visitors to the City of Troy.

One of the organizers of the event is Doug Hull, who said Thursday that the event is a unique way to learn about one of the most important periods in the history of the United States.

“What we do is educate people, and children in particular, about one of the most important events in our country’s history,” Hull said. “It’s tough to think about more important things than that. Many of the people who participate are teachers, and love to spread the knowledge of what happened.”

There is no charge for the event and the entire re-enactment is open to the public. Throughout the two days there will be examples of camp life on the Union and Confederate sides, period music, military exercises, and a skirmish. Troops will drill during the day, and a live cannon will be shot off during the fight. Even former President Abraham Lincoln will be on hand during both days.

For people planning on visiting the re-enactment, all of the participants will talk to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 9th, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday July 10th.

For more information on the 9th Annual Civil War Re-enactment please visit the City of Troy website at www.troyny.gov